

Mr. and Mrs. Best Quality Invite You
to be present at the marriage
of their daughter
MISS HIGHEST QUALITY
to
MR. EUGENE EDGE
at five o'clock Friday evening, December
twenty-second, Nineteen eleven
"On the Corner."

BRYAN, TEXAS.

THE CITY SCHOOLS

Examinations are finished and school work will run as usual till Thursday afternoon, December 21. At that time school will be adjourned till Tuesday, January 2, 1912.

The third grade had an exercise involving the use of English, pure and simple. The problem of securing good work in that subject was thus tested in a plain, practical manner. The Horace Mann School, which is connected with Columbia University, has one of the finest plans for such work known to the teaching fraternity.

In one of the newest and best books on teaching occurs the following language: "An examination should test the judgment of pupils as well as their memory. The half, at least, of every examination should test what the pupil can do." The writer of the above quotation is one of the instructors in a great university for the training of teachers to teach properly. Read that and then you will see why the Bryan city schools do not have a rebash of the language of the books, as is the case in some schools even at this late day. In no school will pupils who depend upon memory without thought get lower grades than in the city schools of Bryan.

Well, yes, we could give memory tests as the old-time schools did and as some schools do yet, and could grind out grades for every pupil who would sit down and memorize a string of things he did not understand, but all the best schools are beyond that stage.

Any pupil can get grades in schools of that kind, but it takes pupils who work and who think to get grades in our schools.

It is not the purpose of the Bryan school to fool the people by memory tests for children who do not think, but to give them the plain, unvarnished facts, be they good or bad. Take the case of a sixth grade geography class. It would be an easy matter to have them spin out a string of memorized book matter about South America and Europe, but when asked to give the effect of the completion of the Panama canal on commerce and manufactures, that would require the application of knowledge and would be quite different. The same thing is

true when a pupil without any previous training on that point is asked to so interpret his geographical knowledge as to show cause for international disagreements. Such things as these the Bryan children must do on examination.

These are only a few illustrations, but they are well to bear in mind now that the grades will appear soon.

But the book goes on to say: "As it is, we sometimes have the spectacle of a pupil with a consciousness like a parrot receiving diplomas of proficiency from our schools and even colleges."

Now, that is just the thing the Bryan schools stand against—the memorizing of things the pupil does not understand. Those who care for that kind of stuff have to go elsewhere for it, as the Bryan schools keep none of it on hand.

Again the same author says: "The vice of examining memory instead of testing judgment has crept even into the classroom, where our teaching is too much like an oral quiz on last night's study than the development of ideas on the subject treated by the text."

You know there are even yet some people who do not seem to realize that the teacher develops ideas on the subject, hence they think the interpretation of the lesson by the teacher of no importance. They want their children to memorize what the book says. From a reading of the quotation it is evident that those who know best think otherwise.

Speaking of the interpretation of the thought or the development of ideas in the classroom by the teacher reminds us that we have had trouble of that kind by a few pupils this year. They did not follow the development of the ideas, but seemed willing to rely on a hasty cram at examination time. The result will be disappointing because they can not get the development feature the author speaks of from a book, and the grades intended to test judgment—not memory alone as the book has shown—will result in disappointment. Most of these pupils are in one grade, and the condition is caused very largely by a premature interest in sociology. We do not give a large amount of home work, but those few pupils do not prepare it properly.

But you have heard people say that schools do not teach things people need to know, have you not? Well, read this list asked a class of seventh grade girls and then say. Write you are at it just write out the answers:

1. Sum up your knowledge of water and milk, both pure and impure, giving

ing diseases spread by each, and telling how to care for milk vessels. Apply this knowledge by telling what use you would make of it if you were in a home of your own.

2. Tell about the kinds of food and the needs of the body, showing how to make the two correspond. Illustrate by making a few sample bills of fare you would use in a home of your own, showing something of the elements furnished by each and the needs of the body which each would meet. Also show different kinds needed in warm or cold climates or seasons, giving reasons.

3. Tell about the various ways of cooking foods, giving reasons based on the process of digestion, which you will also explain in so far as is necessary to show reasons for the kind of cooking you would have in your own home.

4. Give full discussion of air and blood, both pure and impure, and explain carefully how blood is purified. Apply by explaining in detail just what you would do about ventilation, day and night, in a home of your own.

5. Tell about baths, highly seasoned foods, skin and kidneys. Show how any one or more of these may help or hinder some others. Apply by telling just what you would do in a home of your own.

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Lichtenstein, chief owner of the fashionable Fifth avenue millinery shop that bears his name, pleaded guilty of undervaluing importations. He paid a fine of \$120,000 in addition to the prison sentence. Lichtenstein wept bitterly when he was handcuffed and taken to the island.

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